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Applicants

: Carl Bergman and Mats Gärdin

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DECLARATION OF GUNNAR HJALT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

I, Gunnar Hjalt, hereby declare:

- 1. I am an attorney at law with Awapatent, having an address of Drottninggatan 89, Stockholm, Sweden, Swedish counsel for Flow Holdings SAGL.
- 2. On June 29, 2005, I spoke with Mr. Bergman over the telephone to discuss the above-identified application, including the content of the application and requirement to disclose material prior art. A copy of the contents of the application, including the specification, claims and drawings had previously been sent to Mr. Bergman by mail, on March 23, 2005. The Declaration and Assignment had been sent to him by mail, on June 27, 2005. The content of the application, Declaration and Assignment were referred to during our discussion, and Mr. Bergman verbally acknowledged receipt of all the documents noted above and sent to him via mail. In addition to this discussion, Mr. Bergman is very familiar with the application based on his involvement in the prosecution of the corresponding Swedish priority application number SE 0201924-8. Mr. Bergman indicated his unwillingness to sign U.S. Declarations. During our telephone conversation on June 29,

2005, where the contents of the above-identified application, and associated Declaration and Assignment were available to Mr. Bergman, Mr. Bergman maintained his refusal to sign the Assignment and the Declaration.

- 3. The reason for Mr. Bergman's refusal to sign the Assignment and the Declaration is the fact that he has retired on a pension from his former employer Avure Technologies AB, a joint stock company having its place of business at Västerås, Sweden, a company that belongs to the same Group as Flow International Corporation and Flow Holdings SAGL. Mr. Bergman explained to me that even though he, together with Mr. Mats Gärdin, believed himself to be the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought and even though he has no intention of giving any such false statements that could be punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, he would not be willing to present, disclose or give any information or sign the Declaration since he has retired on a pension from his former employer.
- 4. To the best of my knowledge, Mr. Bergman's last known address is as follows: Haga Parkgata 7A, S-723 36 VÄSTERÅS, SWEDEN.
- 5. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Executed <u>S December</u>, 2005 at Stockholm, Sweden.

Sumar Hjalt

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